



PRESS RELEASE

RSC solidifies collaboration with Vitalité

September 6th 2022 (CAMPBELLTON, NB): The Restigouche RSC is very pleased with a recent meeting held with Vitalité officials.



Left to Right: Maxime Saulnier (Vitalité), Brad Mann (RSC Chair), Dr. France Desrosiers (CEO Vitalité), Jean-Guy Levesque (Atholville), Burt Paulin (St Jean Baptiste), Normand Pelletier (Dalhousie), Gaëtan Pelletier (Charlo), Guy Chiasson (Balmoral), Ian Comeau (Campbellton), Allan Dickson (Tide Head), Eric Gagnon (Kedgwick), Allan Good (Dalhousie Jctn), Brigitte Sonier-Ferguson (Vitalité) absent: Mario Pelletier (Eel River Dundee) & Barry Firlotte (Chaleur)

Chairman Brad Mann expresses his appreciation to Vitalité CEO, Dr France Desrosiers, for her collaboration and openness. "The appointment of a Director of Hospital Activities was much needed and is already showing results". In March 2021, the Restigouche RSC had identified recommendations as part of a Position Paper on the future of healthcare which included securing a local administrator.

Other recommendations such as the introduction of a regional advisory committee and local recruitment area also being implemented at this time. "Dr. Desrosiers has listened to our concerns and recommendations and has taken action on several which is greatly appreciated by our members. Through an advisory committee that will be put in place shortly for the Greater Restigouche catchment area, we will be able to have on-going communication, collaboration, provide feedback/recommendations on issues and move forward with the other recommendations from our position paper."

The RSC will help identify individuals to participate to the St Joseph Community Health Centre Committee that will focus on solutions to address the issues of health & wellness throughout Restigouche.

The RSC will also continue to lobby the Minister of Health in order to see the community of Kedgwick included in Zone 5.

The members of the Restigouche Regional Service Commission are the mayors of the municipalities of Restigouche and representatives from Local Service Districts.

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